

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for preventing unauthorized copying of a film using a recording device, the film being played using a projector, at least one image from the film being
5 displayed on a screen, the projector residing on a first side of the screen, the method comprising the steps of:

providing at least one signal to the screen from a second side of the screen, the second side being opposite to the first side, the at least one signal being visible to a recording device used in copying the film, the at least one signal being sufficient to wash out
10 at least a portion of the image to the recording device.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one signal further includes a light signal.

15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the at least one signal includes infrared light.

4. The method of claim 1 wherein the providing step further includes the step of:

providing the at least one signal at an intensity and breadth sufficient to wash out the
20 entire image to the recording device.

5. The method of claim 1 wherein the providing step further includes the step of:

providing the at least one signal at an intensity sufficient to render the screen transparent to the recording device.

5 6. The method of claim 1 wherein the providing step further includes the step of:

projecting the at least one signal to the screen from the second side of the screen.

7. The method of claim 1 wherein the recording device includes an image capture device.

10 8. The method of claim 7 wherein the image capture device includes a video camera.

9. The method of claim 1 wherein the signal is invisible to the human eye.

15 10. A system for preventing unauthorized copying of a film using a recording device, the film being played using a projector, at least one image from the film being displayed on a screen, the projector residing on a first side of the screen, the method comprising the steps of:

20 at least one source residing on a second side of the screen, the second side of the screen being opposite to the first side, the at least one source providing to the screen at least one signal invisible to the human eye but visible to a recording device used in copying the

film, the at least one signal being sufficient to wash out at least a portion of the image to the recording device.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one source is at least one light
5 source and wherein the at least one signal further includes at least one light signal.

12. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one signal includes infrared light.

13. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one source provides the at least
10 one signal at an intensity and breadth sufficient to wash out the entire image to the recording device.

14. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one source further provides the at
least one signal at an intensity sufficient to render the screen transparent to the recording
15 device.

15. The system of claim 10 wherein the at least one source further projects the at
least one signal to the screen from the second side of the screen.

20 16. The system of claim 10 wherein the recording device includes an image capture device.

17. The system of claim 16 wherein the image capture device includes a video camera.

18. The system of claim 10 wherein the signal is invisible to the human eye.